Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The 1955 South Dakota State Legislature established a law requiring the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to provide a course in the safe handling of firearms and hunter safety; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Hunter Safety and Firearms Education (HuntSAFE) program was launched in 1956, with three primary objectives: to teach safe handling of firearms in the home and in the field; to develop safe, responsible, and knowledgeable hunters who are aware of our hunting heritage and who understand the hunter's role and relationship with the wildlife and the land; and to certify persons under the age of 16 so they may apply for hunting licenses; and,

Whereas, Leo Gasper was one of the first individuals recruited and trained as an instructor, and taught some of the very first classes in South Dakota for the HuntSAFE program, teaching basic safe gun handling skills, hunting safety, and other responsibilities associated with the privilege of hunting in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Leo has provided this volunteer instructor service for the HuntSAFE program in Humboldt and Sioux Falls for nearly 50 years and, upon his retirement, Leo will be recognized at the instructor's conference to be held in Mitchell, South Dakota, on March 18, 2005:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2005, as

LEO GASPAR DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State